computerisation of operations in the Patent Offices has also been undertaken. In order to link up all the offices electronically, thereby enabling them to exchange information/data. A Manual of Patent Practice and Procedure has also been issued and put on the webside to ensure unformity and transparency in the procedure for grant of patents. The modernized and networked offices will not only reduce the delay but would also obviate the need for establishing patent offices at several locations.

Increase in export

† 476. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export from the country has been on the increase constantly in the past years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this export is increasing to the countries which are traditional importers of Indian goods;

(c) if so, the names of countries to which export has increased along with the percentage of increase;

(d) the names of such new countries to which export have been made during the last three years; and

(e) the percentage of average annual export to these countries during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir. Value of Indian export of merchandise goods has increased from a level of US$ 31.8 billion in 1995-96 to US$ 43.8 billion in 2001 -2002. During this period, the growth of exports had declined only in 1998-1999 owing to South East Asian Financial crisis and again in 2001-2002 due to world economic slowdown and impact of September 11 events. Export growth in April-December, 2002-2003 has been 20.36% compared to the coresponding period of last year.

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(b) to (e) Exports have been increasing to both traditional importers and new countries. The table giving India's exports to major regions and countries alonwith the shares and growth rates for the latest period, *i.e.* April-November 2002-03, compared to April-November, 2001-02 is enclosed Statement *(See* below). It is evident from the table that while India's export to traditional destinations have increased, exports to new countries have also registered positive growth rates. These include countries in Latin America, Middle East, China and many South East Asian countries.

Statement

Exports by regions and countries April-November, 2002-03

US$ Million

			Percentage Weight		
Countries/Regions	April-Nov. 2001-2002	April-Nov. 2002-2003	April-Nov. 2001-2002	April-Nov. 2002-2003	%Age Growth
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. West Europe	6849.06	7906.50	24.04	23.51	15.44
(a) EU Countries	6378.98	7352.32	22.39	21.86	15.26
I.Belgium	869.50	1070.18	3.05	3.18	23.07
2. Denmark	97.1*4	108.29	0.34	0.32	11.47
3. France	610.19	660.20	2.14	1.96	8.20
4. FRG	1131.82	1316.66	3.97	3.92	16.33
5. Greece	67.69	88.22	0.24	0.26	30.34
6. Ireland	64.82	93.06	0.23	0.28	43.56
7. Italy	791.03	842.87	2.78	2.51	6.55
8. Luxembourg	3.33	5.91	0.01	0.02	77.67
9. Netherlands	554.92	644.49	1.95	1.92	16.14
10. Portugal	92.90	107.95	0.33	0.32	16.20
11. Spain	443.66	502.33	1.56	1.49	13.23
12. United Kingdon	1450.97	1706.12	5.09	5.07	17.58
13. Austria	49.59	53.83	0.17	0.16	8.56
14. Sweden	102.73	105.83	0.36	0.31	3.02
15. Finland	48.61	46.38	0.17	0.14	-4.60

1	2	3	4	5	6
(b) Rest of West Europe	470.08	554.19	1.65	1.65	17.89
1. Norway	37.63	39.74	0.13	0.12	5.61
2. Turkey	129.49	245.85	0.45	0.73	89.86
3. Switzerland	270.07	225.48	0.95	0.67	-16.51
II. East Europe	194.62	213.14	0.68	0.63	9.51
III C.I.S. Baltic States	641.02	639.41	2.25	1.90	-0.25
a) Russia	526.21	488.00	1.85	1.45	-7.26
b) Rest of CIS Countries	114.80	151.42	0 40	0.45	31.89
1. Kazakhstan	33.78	32.29	0.12	0.10	-4.40
2. Ukraine	51.80	67.09	0.18	0.20	29.53
IV. Asia and Oceania	10828.96	14061.82	38.01	41.81	29.85
(a) Escap	7413.78	9558.34	26.02	28.42	28.93
1. Bangladesh	684.51	599.03	2.40	1.78	-12.49
2. Nepal	143.23	182.64	0.50	0.54	27.51
3. Sri Lanka	368.54	585.77	1.29	1.74	58.94
4. Australia	276.45	332.71	0.97	0.99	20.35
5. China RR.	593.16	1034.99	2.08	3.08	74.49
6. Hongkong	1518.34	1416.30	5.33	4.21	-6.72
7. Indonesia	327.22	530.12	1.15	1.58	62.01
8. Japan	1023.45	1275.36	3.59	3.79	24.61
9. Korea Republic of	284.72	418.30	1.00	1.24	46.92
10. Malaysia	511.45	513.86	1.80	1.53	0.47
11. Singapore	609.31	1036.61	2.14	3.08	70.13
12. Thailand	397.77	492.66	1.40	1.46	23.85
13. Pakistan	106.72	139.96	0.37	0.42	31.15
(b) Others	3415.17	4503.49	11.99	13.39	31.87
1. Saudi Arabia	538.97	609.97	1.89	1.81	13.17
2. United Arab Emirates	1616.75	2172.45	5.68	6.46	34.37
3. Israel	252.28	409.06	0.89	1.22	62.15
V. Africa	1976.71	1921.02	6.94	5.71	-2.82
1. Egypt	377.06	197.17	1.32	0.59	-47.71
2. Nigeria	369.96	287.33	1.30	0.85	-22.33
3. South Africa	236.48	248.70	0.83	0.74	5.17
VI. America	6598.62	8517.86	23.16	25.33	29.09

1	2	3	4	5	6
(a) North America	5912.01	7635.98	20.75	22.71	29.16
1. Canada	374.38	462.72	1.31	1.38	23.60
2. U.S.A.	5537.64	7173.26	19.44	21.33	29.54
(b) Latin American Countries	649.31	842.18	2.28	2.50	29.71
1. Brazil	145.19	288.88	0.51	0.86	98.97
2. Argentina	54.33	39.86	0.19	0.12	-26.63
3. Maxico	153.22	181.94	0.54	0.54	18.75
(c) Rest of America	37.30	39.70	0.13	0.12	6.45
1. Panama Canal Zone	14.42	6.20	0.05	0.02	-56.98
2. Peurto Rico	3.99	3.45	0.01	0.01	-13.60
3. Turks & Calcos Is.	18.75	29.78	0.07	0.09	58.86
GRAND TOTAL	28487.35	33629.12	100.00	100.00	18.05

Increased rate of industrial production

† 477. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of COMMECRE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target for increased rate of industrial production in the current year has been fixed;

(b) if so, the target so fixed; and

(c) what has been the increased rate of industrial production in the first nine months of current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) In order to achieve the targeted growth of 8% in GDP during the Tenth Plan period, industrial growth is targeted to grow at an annual average rate of 10%.

(c) The industrial production, as measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production, registered a growth of 5.3% during April-December 2002-03 as compared to 2.5% in April-December 2001 -02.

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